

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 1995

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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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Title 76

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Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

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Statewide Strike Force - 39 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 41 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 23 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of October was 1,223. Commissioner Vujnovich complimented the agents on the good job that they do.

The Secretary's Report to the Commission was given by Secretary Herring. Staff continues to work on interpretations of the gill net law and would for some time to come. He again thanked all involved in this task.

Hurricane Opal brought in high tides around Zone 1 at the opening of the shrimp season and decreased catch efforts. But after a week, the catch has improved.

Treasure Chest Casino met with the staff from the Marine Fisheries Division and it was suggested the Casino work with the City of Kenner to get a resolution that would mark an area that would be clear for the boat to go in and out of and would be free of crab traps.

The oyster fishermen and staff have been working with refrigeration rules adopted by the Food and Drug Administration for the summertime harvesting of oysters.

Marine Lab activities have been good with research work being done by Texas A&M, LSU Ichthyology class, and the Department of Natural Resources. Work on the red drum and speckled trout continued at the lab. Minor damage did occur to the lab from an electrical storm associated with Hurricane Opal. By the end of the year, reports will be finalized on stock assessments of the black drum, mullet, flounder and sheepshead.

Staff attended and presented papers at a meeting of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries in Mobile, Alabama.

Construction of the Booker T. Fowler Fish Hatchery has progressed well. Thirty-four ponds have been lined and 63 kettles have been poured and 60 of the 63 completed with steps. The roof has been put on all of the facilities at the hatchery. It was hoped to have a dedication at the fish hatchery next month.

Inland Fisheries Division has been working with Enforcement Division on new mussel regulations.

Repairs on the levees and ponds at the Lacombe Fish Hatchery due to flooding and high water are continuing.

Louisiana Tech University has been working with the Inland Fisheries staff on mercury analysis on a number of north Louisiana lakes. The mercury, which seems to be air borne, is not at a serious level.

Fish stocking did occur during October with four lakes being stocked with channel catfish and blue catfish. A total of 43,875 fingerlings were put in Cross Lake, Chicot Lake and two releases were made in the Atchafalaya Basin.

October's weather was a plus for the Department with the only fish kill occurring in Caney River. The species affected were gizzard shad and threadfin shad.

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury had a meeting with Inland Fisheries Division personnel attending. They may request the Commission remove bass from the slot limit on False River.

The Aquatic Plant Section sprayed 3,320 acres of water hyacinths by boat. Secretary Herring emphasized potential major problems with the hyacinths if Louisiana has a mild winter.

Documented outbreaks of blue tongue have occurred in deer this year. There have been approximately 100 deer found dead which is a higher number than normal. The disease does not affect people and should vanish with the cooler weather setting in.

Youth and handicapped hunts occurred on October 21 and 22 on West Bay, Jackson-Bienville, Ouachita and Sabine WMAs. Weather was good but participation was down from last year.

The Commission approved the Forestry Management Plan and the Department has begun working on cutting timber. Due to budget cuts, the Department has lost 15 positions and this would affect revenue coming into the Department. A number of acres of timber have been marked on Buckhorn WMA and with this revenue, hopefully the Department will be able to replace the lost positions.

A man did some timber cutting on the Tangipahoa River, a Scenic River system, and the Department received complaints from this. The man was fined \$1,000 for a day's operation and possible other charges are pending.

Urban Wildlife Section has produced a couple of pamphlets on nuisance armadillos and raccoons for distribution to the public.

The Department is very active with the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Pro-Active Strategies group, and Louisiana hosted a meeting in New Orleans.

The Fur and Refuge Division has accepted waste from construction sites to be used for levee works. This waste would be tried at Pass-a-Loutre WMA and, if successful, the Department will seek more for more levee construction.

The Natural Heritage Section has submitted text, "Endangered Species of Louisiana" to the printers and hope to have it out soon.

Also, the Section is working with Department of Public Safety on the license plate with the black bear on it.

A symposium was held during October on endangered species and was sponsored by the Louisiana Wildlife Biologists Association, Louisiana Chapter of the Wildlife Society, Louisiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, LSU Extension Service and this Department. One of the most informative topics was on endangered species and land owners rights.

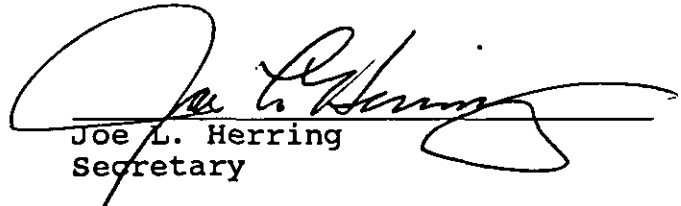
The Information & Education Division held 81 wildlife conservation programs with 2,587 participants and 3 hunter safety programs with 99 participants.

Commissioner Schneider asked what area had the blue tongue problem or was it all over the State? Mr. Hugh Bateman stated a News Release was put out outlining the area for this problem but it was confined to the Atchafalaya Basin and coastal areas. Mr. Bateman then explained the disease and concluded stating the disease seemed to be on a decline.

The **March 1996 Meeting** will be held on Thursday, March 7, 1996 in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Acting Chairman Vujnovich then asked for **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Babin.


Joe L. Herring
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Region VIII - New Orleans - 347 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 119 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 39 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 41 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 23 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of October was 1,223. Commissioner Vujnovich complimented the agents on the good job that they do.

The **Secretary's Report** to the Commission was given by Secretary Herring. Staff continues to work on interpretations of the gill net law and would for some time to come. He again thanked all involved in this task.

Hurricane Opal brought in high tides around Zone 1/ of the shrimp season and decreased catch efforts. But after a week, the catch has improved. *at the opening*

Treasure Chest Casino met with the staff from the Marine Fisheries Division and it was suggested the Casino work with the City of Kenner to get a resolution that would mark an area that would be clear for the boat to go in and out of and would be free of crab traps.

The oyster fishermen and staff have been working with refrigeration rules adopted by the Food and Drug Administration for the summertime harvesting of oysters.

Marine Lab activities have been good with *the* research work being done by Texas A&M, LSU Ichthyology class, and Department of Natural Resources. Work on the red drum and speckled trout continued at the lab. Minor damage did occur to the lab from an electrical storm associated with Hurricane Opal. By the end of the year, reports will be finalized on stock assessments of the black drum, mullet, flounder and sheephead.

Staff attended and presented papers at a meeting of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries in Mobile, Alabama.

Construction of the Booker T. Fowler Fish Hatchery has progressed ~~near~~ well. Thirty-four ponds have been lined and 63 kettles have been poured and 60 of the 63 completed with steps. The roof has been put on all of the facilities at the hatchery. It was hoped to have a dedication at the fish hatchery next month.

Inland Fisheries Division has been working with Enforcement Division on new mussel regulations.

Repairs on the levees and ponds at the Lacombe Fish Hatchery ~~are continuing due to flooding and high water~~

Louisiana Tech University has been working with the Inland Fisheries staff on mercury analysis on a number of north Louisiana lakes. The mercury, which ~~seem~~ *seems* to be air borne, ~~are~~ *is* not at a serious level.

Fish stocking did occur during October with four lakes being stocked with channel catfish and blue catfish. A total of 43,875 fingerlings were put in Cross Lake, Chicot Lake and two releases in the Atchafalaya Basin. *WERE MADE*

October's weather was a plus for the Department with *the* only fish kill occurring in Caney River. The species affected were gizzard shad and threadfin shad.

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury had a meeting with Inland Fisheries Division personnel attending. They may request the Commission remove bass from the slot limit on False River.

The Aquatic Plant Section sprayed 3,320 acres of water hyacinths by boat. Secretary Herring emphasized potential major problems with the hyacinths if Louisiana has a mild winter.

Documented outbreaks of blue tongue *have* occurred in deer this year. There have been approximately 100 deer found dead which is a higher number than normal. The disease does not affect people and should vanish with the cooler weather setting in.

Youth and handicapped hunts occurred on October 21 and 22 on West Bay, Jackson-Bienville, Ouachita and Sabine WMAs. Weather was good but participation was down from last year.

The Commission approved the Forestry Management Plan and the Department has begun working on cutting timber. Due to budget cuts, the Department has lost 15 positions and this would affect revenue coming into the Department. A number of acres of timber have been marked on Buckhorn WMA and with this revenue, hopefully the Department will be able to replace the lost positions.

A man did some timber cutting on the Tangipahoa River, a Scenic River system, and the Department received complaints from this. The man was fined \$1,000 for a day's operation and possible other charges are pending.

Urban Wildlife Section has produced a couple of pamphlets on nuisance armadillos and raccoons for distribution to the public.

The Department is very active with the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Pro-Active Strategies group, and Louisiana hosted a meeting in New Orleans.

The Fur and Refuge Division has accepted waste from construction sites to be used for levee works. This waste would be tried at Pass-a-Loutre WMA and, if successful, the Department will seek more for more levee construction.

Section
The Natural Heritage has submitted text, "Endangered Species of Louisiana" to the printers and hope to have it out soon. Also,

the Section is working with Department of Public Safety on the license plate with the black bear on it.

A symposium was held during October on endangered species and was sponsored by the Louisiana Wildlife Biologists Association, Louisiana Chapter of the Wildlife Society, Louisiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, LSU Extension Service and this Department. One of the most informative topics was on endangered species and land owners rights.

The Information & Education Division held 81 wildlife conservation programs with 2,587 participants and 3 hunter safety programs with 99 participants.

Commissioner Schneider asked what area had the blue tongue problem or was it all over the State? Mr. Hugh Bateman stated a News Release was put out outlining the area for this problem but it was confined to the Atchafalaya Basin and coastal areas. Mr. Bateman then explained the disease and concluded stating the disease seemed to be on a decline.

The **March 1996 Meeting** will be held on Thursday, March 7, 1996 in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Acting Chairman Vujnovich then asked for **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Babin.

Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, November 2, 1995
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Perry Gisclair (Chairman)	—	✓
Glynn Carver	—	✓
Jeff Schneider	✓	—
Daniel Babin	✓	—
Joseph Cormier	—	✓
Jerald Hanchey	✓	—
Peter Vujnovich	✓	—
↓ <i>acting Chairman</i>		

Mr. Chairman:

There are 4 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Herring is also present.

OUTDOOR NOTES

The seminar is sponsored by Rep. John Stack, Fly Fishers, 5511 N. 10th St., Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85018. For more information, call 480-961-1111.

WIBU-AM
WVIB-AM
WJBO-AM
WIBR-AM

Open to Open 7 p.m. (EST)
Wednesday, Dec. 27
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Big Eight fifth or sixth vs. WAC etc
and 7 p.m. (EST)
Thursday, Dec. 28



Appointments Open 1 p.m. (EST)
Wednesday, Dec. 27
Copper Bowl
Antiques

Richmond 6, Charlotte 3, 7
Johnstown 3, South Carolina 2

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Friday, Dec. 29

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
November 2, 1995
10:00 AM

- ✓1. ✓Roll Call
- ✓2. Approval of Minutes of October 12, 1995
- ✓3. Presentation of Signs by Citgo Pipeline for Cooperative Project on Sabine WMA - Fred Dunham
- ✓4. Rule Ratification - Trail Ride Prohibition on WMAs - Tommy Prickett
- ✓5. Rule Ratification - 1996 Turkey Hunting Regulations - Hugh Bateman
- ✓6. Announce Winner of 1996-97 Duck Stamp Competition - Dave Morrison
- ✓7. Declaration of Emergency - Adjust Daily Take Limit for Calcasieu Public Oyster Tonging Reef - Ron Dugas
- ✓8. Video on Deployment of Army Personnel Carriers - John Roussel
- ✓9. Enforcement Report/October - Winton Vidrine
- ✓10. Tunica Trace Scenic Area Resolution - Joe Herring
- ✓11. Secretary's Report to the Commission - Joe Herring
- ✓12. Set March 1996 Meeting Date
13. Public Comments
14. Adjourn

RESOLUTION

TUNICA HILLS NATURE CENTER

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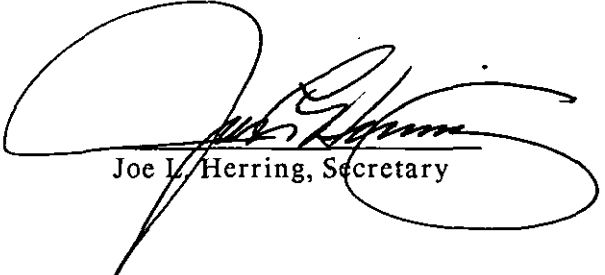
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Perry Gisclair, Chairman


Joe L. Herring, Secretary

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RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the July 1995 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular meeting in November, hereby ratifies regulations pertaining to organized trail riding activities on wildlife management areas and refuges. Authority is vested in the Commission by Title 56, Sections 109, 115, 752, 754, 763, 782, 785.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 1. Responsibilities, Duties and Regulations

§109. Trail Rides on WMAs

A. Organized trail rides are not consistent with the purpose and operations of Wildlife Management Areas or Refuges owned by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and/or State of Louisiana and shall not be permitted. No special permits or exemptions to existing rules shall be issued by the Department for organized trail rides on Wildlife Management Areas or Refuges managed by the Department under lease from other parties.

B. For the purposes of this rule, an Organized Trail Ride shall include but not be limited to:

1. Any gathering where participants tender a fee or donation to any entity other than the Department to participate in a group activity such as all terrain vehicle riding, horseback riding, or wagon riding; or

2. Any event whose primary purpose is the use of trails

that is advertised in any way to attract participants; or

3. Any event involving the use of trails at which there are vendors selling commodities whether such commodities are sold for profit or not; or

4. Any organized event or gathering of individuals involving any manner of conveyance or conveyances to be used on the WMA that causes excessive damage to roads, trails, or to the habitat.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:109, 115, 752, 754, 763, 782 and 785.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

Perry Gisclair

Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
November 2, 1995

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, November 2, 1995.

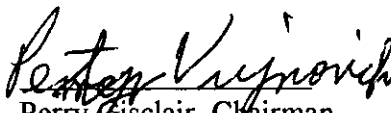
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for turkeys, and

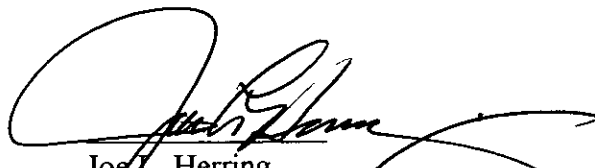
WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.


Perry Gislair, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission


Joe L. Herring
Secretary, La. Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

RULE
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the July 1995 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in November hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for turkeys. Authority to establish regulations are vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A synopsis of season dates is attached and made part of this rule along with the complete copy of the regulations.

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge LA 70898-9000.

CITATION: None - changes annually.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR ____: (1995).

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
(Shooting hours - one-half hour
before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 16-Apr. 21
B	April 6-Apr. 21
C	March 16-March 24

E N F O R C E M E N T C A S E R E P O R T

OCTOBER 1995

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-OCTOBER 1995

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-38

ENFORCEMENT-38

OTHER DIV. - 0

3-Boating
1-Angling W/O A License
2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
10-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
3-Hunting W/O Resident License
2-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
2-Bow Hunt W/O Bow License
1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
1-Fail To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regs.
3-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
1-Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
6-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
2-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road
1-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

NONE.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:

3-Boating
13-Fishing
13-Hunting
9-Misc.

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REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-69

ENFORCEMENT-69

OTHER DIV. - 0

5-Boating
3-Angling W/O A License
1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
9-Hunting W/O Resident License
1-Bow Hunt W/O Bow License
1-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
1-Possession Of Pods While Bow Hunting
2-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours
3-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
1-Possess Over Limit Of Deer Or Bear
18-Buying Or Selling Deer Or Meat
1-Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer Or Bear
1-Fail Comply W/Hunters Orange Regs.
1-Hunt Turkey Closed Season
1-Possession Of Turkey Closed Season
2-Take Alligators From Other Than Approved Area
2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations
2-Take Alligators W/O License
2-Possession Of Live Alligators W/O Permit
5-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
1-Criminal Trespass
1-DWI
1-Littering

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REGION 2 CONT'D.

1-Flight From An Officer

1-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

1 gun, 1 hen turkey, 4 deer shoulders, 20# deer meat, 1 knife.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

5-Boating

18-Hunting

4-Fishing

7-Misc.

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REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-118

ENFORCEMENT-97

OTHER DIV. -21

3-Boating
6-Angling W/O A License
3-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
2-Fail To Maintain Records
6-Hunting W/O Resident License
5-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
2-Bow Hunt W/O Bow License
2-Failure To Abide By Commission Rules
7-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
5-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
3-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way
1-Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
2-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
4-Hunt Deer Closed Area
4-Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season
7-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours
10-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
1-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season
3-Possess Over Limit Of Deer
1-Fail To Comply W/Hunters Orange Regs.
2-Take/Possess Spotted Fawn
3-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally

REGION 3 CONT'D.

- 1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
- 1-Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds-No Season
- 22-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
- 1-Resisting An Officer
- 1-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
- 1-Littering
- 1-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road
- 1-Flight From An Officer
- 6-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

3 deer, 1 fawn, 1 alligator, 3 squirrels, 1 egret, 3 raccoons, 5 guns, 9 marijuana cigarettes, 1 ziploc bag marijuana.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

- 3-Boating
- 92-Hunting
- 12-Fishing
- 11-Misc.

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REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-62

ENFORCEMENT-44

OTHER DIV. -18

3-Boating

1-Angling W/O a License

1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally

2-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License

1-Bow Hunt W/O Bow License

8-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

4-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

1-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours

6-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

4-Hunt Rabbits Closed Season

1-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

1-Take And/Or Possess O/L Of Squirrel

1-Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season

7-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours

1-Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer

1-Fail To Maintain Field Possession

1-Possess Over Limit Of Ducks

15-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

5 rifles, 1 deer, 11 squirrels, 5 white perch.

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GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

3-Boating

3-Fishing

56-Hunting

0-Misc.

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REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-242

ENFORCEMENT-230

OTHER DIV. - 12

21-Boating

34-Angling W/O A License

2-Angling W/O a License Non-Resident

9-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident

2-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

12-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum

1-Not Abiding By Commission Rules Finfish

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

1-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

1-Trawling Inside Waters W/Oversized Double Rigs

2-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp

14-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

2-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

16-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

1-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

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REGION 5 CONT'D.

- 1-Hunt Deer Closed Season
- 19-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours
- 1-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
- 11-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season
- 4-Hunt/Trap On DMAP Lands W/O Permit From Owner/Lessee
- 17-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally
- 2-Take Over Limit Of Raccoons Or Opossums
- 39-Not Abiding By Rules and Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

3 deer, 83 fish, 4 raccoons, 148 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$608.90.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

- 21-Boating
- 68-Fishing
- 141-Hunting
- 0-Misc.

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REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-98

ENFORCEMENT-91

OTHER DIV. - 7

10-Boating

28-Angling W/O A License

9-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

7-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

4-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

3-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

1-Fail To Maintain Records

6-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Possess Wild Birds Or Wild Quadrupeds W/O A License

2-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

1-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

1-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds W/O Permit

5-Fail To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regulations

1-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

4-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally

1-Possession Of Live Alligators W/O Permit

2-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours

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REGION 6 CONT'D.

6-Hunting Doves Closed Season

4-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

1-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

18 squirrels, 18 red drum, 5 doves, 18 bass, 1-18 inch alligator,
1 spotted seatrout.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

10-Boating

53-Fishing

34-Hunting

1-Misc.

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REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-89

ENFORCEMENT-86

OTHER DIV. - 3

9-Boating

12-Angling W/O A License

2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

2-Angling W/O Saltwater License

2-Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident

1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish Shipping Regs.Tags &I.D.

4-Sell Undersize Crabs

7-Hunting W/O Resident License

9-Bow Hunt W/O Bow License

2-No Permit Or False Representation Of Handicap Person

5-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

4-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

6-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours

6-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

2-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

7-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License

1-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours

1-Theft Of State Property

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REGION 7 CONT'D.

1-Littering

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

1-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

1-Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle

CONFISCATIONS:

6 squirrels, 1 deer, 1 gun.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

9-Boating

24-Fishing

53-Hunting

3-Misc.

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REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-347

ENFORCEMENT-268

OTHER DIV. - 79

42-Boating

77-Angling W/O A License

20-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

24-Angling W/O Saltwater License

9-Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident

4-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

5-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

3-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum In Excess Of 27"

9-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum 16" Minimum

12-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

5-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

2-Fail To Comply With Charter Boat Regs.

3-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp

2-Take Shrimp Illegal Gear

5-Use Illegal Mesh Trawl, Butterfly Nets, Seines, Skimmers

2-Use Oversize Butterfly Net Or Skimmers

2-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

7-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.

6-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 8-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.
- 4-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.
- 3-Fail To Maintain Records
- 2-Transport W/O Required License
- 1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish, Shipping Regs. &I.D.
- 1-Taking Fish Illegally
- 2-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish
- 2-Take Saltwater Commercial Fish Illegal Hours
- 1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
- 11-Fail To Comply With Spotted Seatrout
- 3-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel.
- 1-Theft Of Crab Trap
- 5-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs
- 1-Take Mullet Commercially Without Permit
- 10-Interfere W/Commercial Or Rec. Fisherman/Lawful Fishing
- 3-Poss. Red Drum Illegally
- 3-Possess Wild Birds Or Wild Quadrupeds W/O A License
- 3-Failure To Abide By Commission Rules
- 6-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 6-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
- 1-Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
- 1-Take Rabbits Illegal Methods
- 2-Failure To Hold Oyster Tags For Sixty (60) Days

REGION 8 CONT'D.

2-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License

1-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally

3-Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season

1-Hunt Or Take Deer W/Illegal Weapon

2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

2-Resisting An Officer

2-Criminal Trespass

1-Littering

1-License Fraud

1-Refuse/Misrepresent Booking Information

4-Violate Sanitary Code

CONFISCATIONS:

235 lbs. of catfish sold for \$35.25, 1,623 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$1,842.35, 90 boxes of crabs, 101 sacks of oysters, 73 sea turtles, 5 rabbits, 1 deer.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

42-Boating

263-Fishing

31-Hunting

11-Misc.

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REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-119

ENFORCEMENT-95

OTHER DIV. -24

4-Boating

12-Angling W/O a License

1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally

4-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

6-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum

2-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

2-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.

2-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.

2-Leave Nets Unattended

5-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish

4-Use Saltwater Net Illegally

4-Violate Any Provision Of Taking Commercial Finfish

2-Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum

1-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets

3-Theft Of Crab Trap

1-Use Illegal Mesh Trawl, Butterfly Nets, Seines, Skimmers

REGION 9 CONT'D.

- 1-Take Shrimp Illegal Gear
- 2-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 6-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
- 4-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way
- 1-Poss. Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
- 2-Fail To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regulations
- 2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 1-Take Rabbits Illegal Methods
- 1-Hunt Deer Illegal Methods
- 3-Take Alligators W/O License
- 3-Hunt alligators At Night W/Firearm
- 3-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
- 3-Hunting Doves Closed Season
- 7-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 1-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area
- 2-Hunting MGB From A Vehicle
- 3-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
- 1-Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
- 1-Possession Of Firearm Of Convicted Felon
- 1-Reckless Operation Of Vehicle
- 2-Resisting Arrest

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REGION 9

CONFISCATIONS:

47 doves, 2 perch, 10 sac-a-lait, 124 drum, 1 squirrel, 4 ducks,
6 speckled trout, 1 deer, 10 sheephead, 1,177 lbs. of catfish
7 rabbits, 90 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$112.50, 1,800 lbs. of
crabs released, 2,100 feet of gill net, 10 skimmer nets, 2
butterfly nets, 2 hoop nets, 5 guns.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

4-Boating

57-Fishing

53-Hunting

5-Misc.

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-39

15-Angling W/O A License

2-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Fail To Comply with Spotted Seatrout

3-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Possess Wild Birds Or Wild Quadrapeds W/O A License

1-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

2-Hunt Wild Quadrapeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours

2-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

1-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours

1-Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road

6-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area

1-Obtain License By Fraud

1-Take Commercial Mullet With Mullet Strike Net In Excess
1200ft.

CONFISCATIONS:

2500 feet of gill net, 3 red fish, 2 bass, 3 squirrels, 1 gun, 56
doves.

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S.W.E.P.

53 HOURS RUNNING TIME

24 HOURS HURRICANE WATCH

55 BOATS CHECKED

TOTAL CASES-41

2-No P.F.D.

8-Angling Without A License

1-Operate Unregistered Motorboat

1-Take Undersize Spotted Seatrout

CONFISCATIONS:

39 spotted seatrout, 2 redfish.

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OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-23

2-Angling W/O A License

2-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

2-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Fail To Comply With Quota Closure/Spotted Sea Trout

1-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef

1-Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel

2-Failure To Hold Oyster Tags For Sixty (60) Days

2-Improper Running Lights

2-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

5-Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9

CONFISCATIONS:

65 sacks of oysters returned to reefs, 2 perch, 2 specs, 1 black drum returned to water, 16#s spec fillets dumped into garbage, 2 marijuana joints.

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-1018

TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. - 164

TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. - 41

GRAND TOTAL - 1223

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-1018

TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. - 164

TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. - 41

GRAND TOTAL - 1223

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
November 2, 1995

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, November 2, 1995.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for turkeys, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Perry Gisclair, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, La. Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

RULE
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the July 1995 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in November hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for turkeys. Authority to establish regulations are vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A synopsis of season dates is attached and made part of this rule along with the complete copy of the regulations.

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge LA 70898-9000.

CITATION: None - changes annually.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR ____: (1995).

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
(Shooting hours - one-half hour
before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 16-Apr. 21
B	April 6-Apr. 21
C	March 16-March 24

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, December 7, 1995.

WHEREAS, authority to regulating possession of wild quadrupeds is vested with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with R.S. 56:115, 56:171, 56:1904F, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopted rules and regulations for the Game Breeders program in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act in October of 1988, and prohibited possession of certain wild quadrupeds and

WHEREAS, these rules and regulations for pen specifications, licensing procedures and general requirements have been in effect since 1988, and

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has reviewed these rules and created a separate rule prohibiting possession of certain wild quadrupeds which must be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached rules governing the Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds.

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

Joe L. Herring
Secretary

RESOLUTION

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
December 7, 1995

- WHEREAS,** the recent shut down of the Federal government resulted in the loss of one weekend of deer hunting on the Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge; and
- WHEREAS,** the loss of this weekend of hunting will result in a reduction of outdoor recreation; and
- WHEREAS,** the harvest of deer is an integral part of wise management of the deer resource on this National Wildlife Refuge; and
- WHEREAS,** opening for an additional two days would be in the best interest of both the sportsmen of the State and the deer resources of the Refuge, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approves and authorizes the Department to change the published deer hunting schedule for Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge and add an additional weekend of deer hunting to be January 6 and 7 of 1996, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the 1995-96 Hunting Regulations are hereby amended accordingly per the attached Declaration of Emergency which is made a part hereof.

Perry Gisclair, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act and under the authority of R.S. 56:115, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following emergency rule:

1995-96 Hunting Regulations

Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge:

All seasons listed in the original Rule shall remain the same EXCEPT for the addition of the following deer season dates:

Species:	Deer
Type of Hunt:	General Gun, Bucks Only
Season:	January 6-7, 1996
Bag Limit:	Same as for State
Permits:	Required (annual)

Perry Gisclair

Chairman

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a rule governing possession of certain wild quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§115. Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds

A. This Commission finds that possession of certain potentially dangerous quadrupeds poses significant hazards to public safety and health, is detrimental to the welfare of the animals, and may have negative impacts on conservation and recovery of some threatened and endangered species.

The size and strength of such animals in concert with their natural and unpredictable predatory nature can result in severe injury or death when an attack upon a human occurs. Often such attacks are unprovoked and a person other than the owner, often a child, is the victim. Furthermore, there is no approved rabies vaccine for such animals, so even minor scratches and injuries inflicted upon humans or other animals could be deadly.

Responsible possession of these potentially dangerous wild quadrupeds necessitates that they be confined in secure facilities. Prolonged confinement is by its nature stressful to these animals and proper long-term care by experienced persons is essential to the health and welfare of these animals and to society.

Certain of these animals are listed as endangered species and

others are so similar in appearance to endangered subspecies as to make practical distinction difficult. This similarity of appearance may provide a means to market illegally obtained endangered animals and can limit the effective enforcement of endangered species laws.

B. This Commission regulation prohibits possession of certain wild quadruped as follows.

C. No person shall possess within the State of Louisiana, any of the following species or its subspecies of live wild quadrupeds, domesticated or otherwise:

1. Cougar or mountain lion (Felis concolor)
2. Black bear (Ursus americanus)
3. Grizzly bear (Ursus arctos)
4. Polar bear (Ursus maritimus)
5. Red wolf (Canis rufus)
6. Gray wolf (Canis lupus)
7. Wolf-Dog Hybrids (Canis lupus or Canis rufus x Canis familiaris)

D. Valid game breeder license holders for these species legally possessed prior to October 1, 1988, will be "grandfathered" and renewed annually until existing captive animals expire, or are legally transferred out of state, or are transferred to a suitable public facility. No additional animals may be acquired.

The prohibition against wolf-dog hybrids will expire January 1, 1997. Persons are cautioned that local ordinances or other state regulations may prohibit possession of these animals. After January 1, 1997 an animal which appears indistinguishable from a

wolf, or is in anyway represented to be a wolf may be considered to be a wolf in the absence of bonafide documentation to the contrary.

E. Qualified educational institutions, zoos, and scientific organization may be exempted from this prohibition on a case by case basis upon written application to the Secretary. Minimum pen requirements for exempted educational institutions, zoos and scientific organization are as follows:

1. Bears

- a. single animal - 25 feet long x 12 feet wide x 10 feet high, covered roof;
- b. pair - 30 feet long x 15 feet wide x 10 feet high, covered roof;
- c. materials - chain link 9 gauge minimum;
- d. safety perimeter rail;
- e. pool - 6 feet x 4 feet x 18 inches deep with facilities for spraying or wetting bear(s);

2. Wolf

- a. 15 feet long x 8 feet wide x 6 feet high per animal, covered roof;
- b. secluded den area 4 feet x 4 feet for each animal;
- c. materials - chain link wire or equivalent;
- d. safety perimeter rail;

3. Cougar, Mountain lion

- a. single animal - 10 feet long x 8 feet wide x 8 feet high, covered roof;
- b. pair - 15 feet long x 8 feet wide x 8 feet

- high, covered roof;
- c. materials - chain link 9 gauge minimum;
- d. safety perimeter rail;
- e. claw log;
- f. shelf - 24 inch wide x 8 feet long, 40 inches off floor.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, 56:171, and 56:1904F.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

Perry Gisclair

Chairman

Not Discussed

RESOLUTION

CALCASIEU LAKE OYSTER SEASON & DAILY TAKE LIMIT

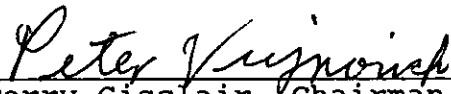
WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the Calcasieu Lake Public Oyster Grounds have been surveyed and samples indicate that there is a significant oyster resource on the public grounds, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:435.1 G. and H. allows for compensation for health closures, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) allows the Commission to set daily take limits, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1995/96 oyster season in Calcasieu Lake shall be extended through April 30, 1996, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that effective November 2, 1995 and for the remainder of the oyster season in Calcasieu Lake, the daily take limit shall be 15 one and one-half bushel sacks per boat per day.



Perry Gisclair, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 967 and under the authority of R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:435.1, notice is hereby given that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission finds that imminent peril to the public welfare exists and hereby adopts the following emergency rule.

The 1995/96 oyster season in Calcasieu Lake shall be extended through April 30, 1996; and effective November 2, 1995 and for the remainder of the 1995/96 season in Calcasieu Lake, the daily take limit shall be 15 one and one-half bushel sacks per boat per day.

Perry Gisclair

Chairman



SENATE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

JAMES J. COX

State Senator
District 27
Parish of Calcasieu

October 18, 1995

723 Broad Street
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Mr. Joe Herring, Secretary
Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898

Re: Increase of Bag Limit for Oyster
Fishing in Cameron Parish, Louisiana
and Eastern Calcasieu (Big Lake) in
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Herring:

Please consider this as my formal request as the State Senator from Calcasieu Parish and on behalf of many constituents who are commercial oyster fishermen in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, to have the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission increase the bag limit from 10 bags per day to 15 bags per day.

The reason for this request is the economic devastation that was suffered by our local oystering industry last year when the oyster season was reduced. Although we received some relief from the actions taken last year, these oystering families are still suffering economic deprivation and desperately need this increase in the bag limit for this year.

Please address this matter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

JIM COX

JJC/mwp

xc: Honorable Edwin Edwards
Mr. Jerome Ringo
Calcasieu Estuary Environmental Task Force

Copies to:
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November 1, 1995

Mr. Joe Herring
Secretary
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Baton Rouge, LA.

Dear Joe:

I understand that an item for the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission agenda on Thursday, November 2, 1995, dealing with increasing oyster sacks from 10 to 15, will be considered. Representative Randy Roach and I had no knowledge of this item on the agenda.

Please postpone this item until the December meeting so we can have an opportunity to discuss this measure with the oyster fishermen in our area.

Sincerely, <

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cecil J. Picard".

Cecil J. Picard



RANDY ROACH
DISTRICT 38

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NATURAL RESOURCES
WAYS & MEANS

November 1, 1995

Mr. John Roussell
Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
P. O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, La. 70898-9000

Via Fax Message (504) 765-2489

Re: 10 Sack Oyster Limit For Calcasieu Lake

Dear John:

It is my understanding that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will consider a proposal to increase the sack limit for Calcasieu Lake from 10 to 15 sacks at its meeting on Thursday.

I have discussed this matter with Senator Picard's office. We were under the impression that this matter would not be considered by the Commission at this time. This item was initially placed on the agenda without our knowledge.

We would appreciate it if you would defer this item until the December meeting. In the meantime, we will talk to the oyster fishermen in Cameron and see if there is a consensus on this issue and let you know.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall E. Roach".

RANDALL E. ROACH

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EPIZOOTIC HEMORRHAGIC DISEASE - BLUETONGUE DISEASE COMPLEX

Causative agent---Viruses which attack the vascular system. The viruses causing epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) and bluetongue (BT) are very similar and can be differentiated only by sophisticated virological techniques.

Hosts---EHD virus has been isolated from deer, antelope, and cattle. BT virus has been isolated from deer, cattle, and sheep. Most wild ruminants are probably susceptible to BT.

Lesions---EHD and BT cannot be differentiated in white-tailed deer on the basis of gross or histologic lesions. EHD and BT takes three forms in white-tailed deer---peracute, acute, and chronic. In the peracute form, severe pulmonary edema and subcutaneous edema of the head and neck region frequently are found. Lesions in the acute form usually consist of hemorrhage and necrosis in the digestive tract, with the mouth, rumen, and abomasum most often involved. In the chronic form, the animal usually is emaciated, has abnormal hooves, often has a fibrosis of the rumen wall with loss of rumen papillae over large areas, and occasionally has necrotic areas in the mouth. EHD frequently is fatal in deer. Sheep and deer are quite susceptible to BT and are severely affected. Cattle seldom show clinical signs when infected with EHD or BT. In cattle, EHD and BT may be confused with mycotic stomatitis.

Diagnosis---Diagnosis can only be confirmed by virus isolation and identification.

Transmission---The viruses of BT and EHD are biologically transmitted by biting midges (Genus Culicoides).

Deer-Livestock Relationships---Deer appear to suffer greater losses from the EHD - BT virus complex than do other species. In penned deer, losses of up to 60 percent have been sustained. Cattle are reservoirs of BT virus (Bowne, 1973).

About Antlers

Each spring, male deer begin growing antlers from bony bumps on their skulls called pedicles. Increasing daylight elevates the level of the hormone testosterone in the animal's blood, which triggers the growth of antlers. Antlers begin as layer upon layer of cartilage that slowly mineralizes into bone. They are light and easily damaged until they completely mineralize in late summer. A soft covering called velvet helps protect the antlers and carries blood to the growing bone tissue. If you look closely at a deer antler, you'll see grooves and ridges on it. These mark the paths of veins that carried blood throughout the growing antlers. The blood stops flowing to the antlers in early fall, the antlers finish hardening, and the velvet falls off or is rubbed off. The hardened antlers are composed of calcium, phosphorous, and as much as 50 percent water.

An antler grows faster than any other kind of bone. It can grow up to one inch a day during the summer. Biologists are studying antlers in the hopes of learning the secret of rampant cell growth, secrets that may unlock cures to various forms of cancer.

In his second year, a male deer usually grows a set of small antlers that may be forked or may be unbranched (spikes). If the buck is eating nutritious food, he may have as many as eight points or tines on his antlers. His rack will be small in diameter, however. In his third year, the buck will have antlers that spread out wider than his ears. By his fourth year, the antlers may spread more than 20 inches and some tines may be as long as 14 inches. Each succeeding year, the buck's antlers get larger until old age sets in (about seven years).

A large rack identifies a buck that is successful in finding food and capable of defending himself. These traits help him dominate the breeding of does. The mere presence of the rack may discourage smaller deer from trying to mate with any doe in his company. ■

Blue Tongue Outbreak No Threat to People

News Release 95-242

Wildlife and Fisheries biologists say a recent outbreak of acute blue tongue disease among state deer populations represents no threat to humans. "It's a natural occurrence," said Dave Morrison, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries biologist. "People who hunt can safely eat any deer they harvest."

Morrison said that the outbreak has been noted in Pointe Coupee, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, and St. Mary parishes, the Atchafalaya Basin area, Marsh Island, and near Opelousas. Many Louisiana deer herds carry the virus, but it is not usual for the acute form to occur. Morrison indicated the reasons for the outbreak at this time is unknown.

In its acute form, blue tongue disease (also known as hemorrhagic disease) causes death within 72 hours in infected deer. Most of the reported cases have been from hunters who have come across dead deer.

The disease can either be long-term (chronic) or acute. The cause is midges (gnats or sand flies) that bite deer, thereby transmitting the disease. When infected,

deer appear depressed and become feverish. Swollen necks, tongues, or eyelids develop and there may be difficulty in breathing, as well as the characteristic blue tongue. Internally, deer develop fluid-filled lungs and cardiac hemorrhaging, as well as lesions or ulcerations on the tongue, mouth, and stomach. In addition, there may be growth interruptions in hooves and sometimes peeling of hoof walls.

Not all these symptoms may be present in any individual animal.

Secondary infections, including bacterial infections and abscesses, may result in deer being unsuitable for consumption, but the virus itself is harmless to humans.

Blue tongue disease is known to occur in 31 states, the greatest concentration being in southeastern states. There is little that can be done to prevent or control the disease. Past experiences have shown that mortality will not decimate local deer populations and that outbreaks are curtailed by the onset of cold weather. ■

For more information contact Dave Moreland at 504/765-2344.

Bringing Wildlife Closer with a Rock Garden

from the LDWF News File

People living in urban or suburban areas can attract wildlife to their own back yards by providing cover for animals by constructing a rock garden.

Rock gardens are easy to construct and maintain. Probably the greatest problem anyone contemplating a rock garden will face is finding enough rocks in Louisiana. Bricks, stones, or other hard natural materials with irregular surfaces will do. The important thing is to provide nooks and crannies for creatures to live, hide, and escape from predators. For coastal residents, shells will also work.

It isn't necessary to gather thousands of rocks and pile them several feet high. You'll be surprised by what a few stones or bricks can do.

Rocks can be placed anywhere. Urban dwellers with small yards can cre-

ate their own tiny habitats. All it takes is a little initiative.

Rock gardens are especially important for cold-blooded animals. Besides supplying flat surfaces on they can rest, the warmth of the sun heats up the rocks, helping these creatures to regulate body temperature. Chipmunks and shrews also use rock piles, as do rabbits.

Besides the wealth of animals that are attracted to rock gardens and the myriad of opportunities for closer investigations of nature that will develop, a rock garden adds character to your landscape. ■

For more information contact Bill Vermillion at 504/765-2821.

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Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

October 25, 1995

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joe L. Herring, Secretary

FROM: Lee Caubarreux, Assistant Secretary *LC*

SUBJECT: Aviation Report - September 1995
Total hours listed are:

PILOT		TOTAL HOURS			
G. Rackle		35.2			
B. Stamey		25.2			
M. Windham		6.8			
D. Clause		22.6			
TOTAL HOURS		89.80			

PLANE	FLIGHT HOURS	ESTIMATED ¹ COST (TOTAL)	ACTUAL ² COST (TOTAL)	COMM. METHOD
N61092 Amphib	28.2	3,303.07	2,096.39	5,892.39
70365 Float-DC	22.6	2,084.40	1,117.35	2,963.76
N2576K Float-MW	6.8	874.28	583.31	
N9467Y 210	10.0	1,117.40	689.50	2,068.10
N223MS Partenavia	22.2	3,488.06	2,538.12	6,049.06
N57266 Aero Commander	0.0			
TOTALS	89.80	10,867.21	7,024.67	16,973.31

¹Estimated Cost is based on an historical average per flight hour.

²Actual Cost substitutes actual maintenance for the month for the average maintenance costs used in the previous figure. This is the only figure used in the calculation of estimated costs that varies significantly from month to month.

LGC:csg

cc: Debbie Unbehagen, Fiscal

SEPTEMBER 1995

PLANE: N223MS (PARTENAVIA)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
09/08/95	STAMEY	BR→CONCORDIA→BR: CATAHOULA LAKE MISS FLYWAY WATERFOWL SURVEY, 5135510	2.3	J. LESLIE
09/11/95	STAMEY	BR→S.W. COASTAL ZONE→BR: COASTAL WATERFOWL SURVEY, 5135510	5.4	R. HELM S. DURHAM
09/12/95	STAMEY	BR→S.CTR. COASTAL ZONE→BR: COASTAL WATERFOWL SURVEY, 5135510	5.1	R. HELM S. DURHAM
09/13/95	STAMEY	BR→S.E. COATAL ZONE→BR: COASTAL WATERFOWL SURVEY, 5135510	3.4	R. HELM S. DURHAM
09/19/95	STAMEY	BR→GALLIANO→OFFSHORE→GONZALES→BR: FEDERAL REEF PROJECT, 5144420	3.2	R. LABORDE L. CAUBARREUX
09/21/95	STAMEY	BR→COASTAL ZONE→BR: AQUATIC WEED SURVEY, 5148201	2.8	R. BRASSETTE L. RICHARDSON
		TOTAL	22.2	
PLANE: N9467Y (210)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
09/11/95	RACKLE	BR→ROCKEFELLER→COASTAL→BR: MARSH MGMT. PROJECTS, CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	2.2	G. PERRY D. DAVIS, RISK MGMT.
09/13/95	STAMEY	BR→CATAHOULA LAKE→RED RIVER WMA→SHERBURNE WMA→WAX LAKE→BR: WATERFOWL PROJ. SURVEY	3.0	B. BATEMAN
09/25/95	RACKLE	BR→ROCKEFELLER→COASTAL→BR: WATERFOWL SURVEY	4.8	B. WILSON G. PERRY
		TOTAL	10.0	
PLANE: N70365 (FLOAT-DC)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
09/01/95	CLAUSE	NI→REG 6→NI: MUSSEL FISHERMEN	1.4	B. BUATT G. STASSI E. BROUSSARD
09/11/95	CLAUSE	NI→REG 6→NI: VERMILLION BAY OVERSIZE SHRIMP NET	1.5	D. LABICHE
09/12/95	CLAUSE	NI→REG 5→NI: DUCKS, GILL NET PATROL	2.1	J. COLLINS M. HEBERT

09/13/95	CLAUSE	NI→REG 5→NI: DUCKS, BAITED PONDS	3.0	E. BROUSSARD
09/14/95	CLAUSE	NI→REG 6→NI: VERMILLION BAY SHRIMP, OVERSIZE NETS	1.4	D. GUIDRY D. GROSSIE
09/15/95	CLAUSE	FLY W/RIPTIDE: SHRIMP, GILL NET PATROL	4.2	D. MOORE
09/17/95	CLAUSE	FLY W/RIPTIDE: SHRIMP, GILL NET PATROL	4.2	D. MOORE
09/29/95	CLAUSE	NI→REG 6-9→NI: SHRIMP & GILL NET PATROL	4.8	D. GROSSIE G. GREMILLION
		TOTAL	22.6	

PLANE: N61092 (AMPHIB)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
09/01/95	RACKLE	NO→GALLIANO→COASTAL→NO: DNR PERMITS	1.6	K. KILGEN
09/05/95	RACKLE	NO→BR→SISTER LAKE: OYSTER SEASON OPENING	1.4	C. PERRET L. CAUBARREUX
09/06/95	RACKLE	SISTER LAKE→COASTAL→BR→NO: OYSTER SEASON OPENING	2.5	C. PERRET L. CAUBARREUX
09/11/95	RACKLE	NO→POINT-AU-CHIEN→NO: FISH KILL	1.8	-----
09/13/95	RACKLE	NO→COASTAL→NO: DNR PERMITS	1.6	R. LATAPIE
09/15/95	RACKLE	NO→BR→COASTAL→BR: RIGS TO REEFS PLANNING TRIP	4.0	R. KASPRZAK COL. DAVIS, COE
09/18/95	RACKLE	NO→GALLIANO→COASTAL→NO: DNR PERMITS	2.7	K. KILGEN W. CUROLE
09/19/95	RACKLE	NO→GONZALES→GALLIANO→COASTAL→NO: RIGS TO REEF OBSERVANCE	3.7	L. CAUBARREUX R. LABORDE, DOA J. ROUSSEL
09/20/95	RACKLE	NO→BR→COASTAL→BR→NO: MARSH MGMT. PROJECT ON ATCHAF., MARSH ISLAND	3.5	L. CAUBARREUX
09/22/95	RACKLE	NO→BR→NO: MAINTENANCE	2.0	R. MAY, MECHANIC
09/27/95	RACKLE	NO→COASTAL→NO: DNR PERMITS	1.7	R. LATAPIE
09/29/97	RACKLE	NO→COASTAL→NO: STATE GROUNDS OYSTER BOAT COUNT	1.7	-----
		TOTAL	28.2	

PLANE: N2576K (FLOAT-MW)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
09/07/95	WINDHAM	NO→PASS-A-LOUTRE WMA→NO: MITIGATION PROJECT	2.2	-----
09/12/95	WINDHAM	NO→POINTE-AU-CHIEN, SALVADOR WMA→NO: REVIEW AREA PROJECTS	2.2	-----
09/14/95	WINDHAM	NO→PASS-A-LOUTRE WMA→NO: MINERAL ACTIVITIES	2.4	-----
		TOTAL	6.8	
PLANE: N25766 (AERO COMMANDER)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
		NO FLIGHTS		

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

NOV-95	RULE - Trail Rides on WMAs
	RULE - Hunting of Turkeys for 1996
DEC-95	RULE - Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrapeds
JAN-96	RULE - Traverse Permit to EEZ (Act 1316)
	RULE - Freshwater Marking System, Gill & Trammel Nets (Act 1316)
MAR-96	RULE - Commercial Fisherman's Assistance Program (Act 1316)
	RULE - Net Buy-Back Program (Act 1316)
	RULE - Saltwater Commercial Rod and Reel License (Act 1316)
	RULE - Spotted Seatrout Management Measures (Act 1316)
	RULE - Rules for Harvest of Mullet (Act 1316)
	RULE - Rules for Harvest of Black Drum, Sheepshead and Flounder & Other Restricted Species Using Pompano Strike Nets (Act 1316)

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 1-NOV-1995

CURRENT MONTH
10/01/1995 TO 10/31/1995FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/1995 TO 10/31/1995INCEPTION TO DATE
10/31/1995

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	122	\$206,243.68	169	\$223,793.80	2,714	\$1,938,387.64
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	32	\$800.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	331	\$269,865.45
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	148	\$71,951.21

	122	169	2,714
RESTITUTION ASSESSED	\$206,243.68	\$223,793.80	\$1,741,273.40
PAYMENTS	29	76	1,667
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	21	59	1,019
OVERPAYMENTS	0	1	51
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	0	24
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	0	0
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	1	9
RETURNED CHECKS	0	0	1
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS	0	0	2
DEBITS	0	0	4
CREDITS	0	0	2
REASSESSMENTS	0	0	4
DEBITS	2	2	16
CREDITS	0	0	41
WRITE-OFFS	1	10	194
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	0	6
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	0	7
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	0	2

** TOTAL OUTSTANDING

804 \$1,162,096.75

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR

	1	4	38
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	\$20.00	\$80.00	\$10,680.13
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$2,670.03

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

	0	1	5
VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	\$0.00	CAN NOT BE INVOICED	\$1,662.10
1 - 30 DAYS	3	1 - 30 DAYS	105
31 - 60 DAYS	19	31 - 60 DAYS	0
61 - 90 DAYS	23	61 - 90 DAYS	41
91 - 120 DAYS	8	91 - 120 DAYS	0
121 - 150 DAYS	8	121 - 150 DAYS	5
151 - 180 DAYS	36	151 - 180 DAYS	11
181 - 365 DAYS	51	181 - 365 DAYS	107
OVER ONE YEAR	79	CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	12
OVER TWO YEARS	13	OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0
OVER THREE YEARS	3	OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	518

** TOTAL AGING

243 \$213,203.47

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804 \$1,162,096.75

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 1-NOV-1995

FINES
HEARING COSTS
DEBITS
CREDITS

TOTAL DUE

	CURRENT MONTH 10/01/1995 TO 10/31/1995	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1995 TO 10/31/1995	INCEPTION TO DATE 10/31/1995
	# CASES	# CASES	# CASES
PAID IN FULL	287	1,344	21,778
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	8	55	664
OVERPAYMENTS	1	8	352
REFUNDS	1	8	56
RETURNED CHECKS	0	1	27
MISC CHANGES	0	1	27
DEBITS	0	1	27
CREDITS	0	5	115
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION	0	3	58
DEBITS	0	0	6
CREDITS	65	116	2,028
VOIDS	8	43	398
NOT GUILTY			

TOTAL OUTSTANDING

\$1,163,303.81

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM CITATION DATE

FROM CITATION DATE	# CASES	AMOUNT
0 - 30 DAYS	174	\$8,900.00
31 - 60 DAYS	296	\$15,050.00
61 - 90 DAYS	270	\$13,700.00
91 - 120 DAYS	417	\$23,490.00
121 - 150 DAYS	328	\$16,555.85
151 - 180 DAYS	275	\$15,225.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,011	\$63,760.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	15,449	\$1,006,647.96

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM HEARING DATE

FROM HEARING DATE	# CASES	AMOUNT
PRE HEARING	1,332	\$69,770.85
0 - 90 DAYS	1,831	\$92,025.00
91 - 180 DAYS	907	\$55,645.00
181 - 270 DAYS	498	\$31,540.00
271 - 365 DAYS	1,366	\$86,236.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00

OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)

12,286

\$828,111.96

METRO NEWS

Total ban on gill nets sought by 3 legislators

By JOANNA WEISS
St. Bernard/Plaquemines bureau

Complaining that Louisiana's gill net ban has been watered down in closed-door meetings, three state legislators vowed Tuesday to introduce another bill banning all use of the nets.

Rep. Warren Triche, D-Thibodaux, who sponsored this year's gill net ban, said he will ask the next governor to include a gill net bill in the next special session of the Legislature. If that doesn't work, he said, he'll introduce resolutions, bills and Constitutional amendments to ban the nets as soon as he can.

Triche, state Sen. John Hainkel, R-New Orleans, and state Sen. Don Cravins, D-Lafayette, issued a news release Tuesday, pledging to revive a total ban and lambasting state Sen. President Sammy Nunez, D-Chalmette, for his efforts to reinterpret the current law.

At Nunez's urging last week, officials from the governor's office, the Senate and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

adjusted some of the department's new licensing rules. Commercial fishermen had complained that the law, strictly interpreted, prevented many longtime fishermen from receiving licenses.

But Hainkel said the administrative maneuvers were changing the intent of the gill net law, and abusing the compromises that ban advocates made with commercial fishing interests.

"We were trying to operate in good faith, and we assumed they were. . . . You try to be a good guy and you get shot down."

The original gill net bill would have banned all uses of gill nets statewide. And Hainkel said the ban would have passed easily: "We had the public on our side, we had the people on our side, we had the votes." But amid emotional debate — and the threat of a veto — the ban's supporters amended the bill, allowing limited use of the nets.

The Louisiana Marine Resource Conservation Act, which became law without Gov. Edwards' signature, allows gill-netting only for mullet and

pompano, limits the gill net season, and restricts the times of day gill-netters can work.

The bill passed 86-16 in the House and 33-5 in the Senate. A statewide poll, commissioned by gill-net supporters, showed that 69 percent of voters supported a gill net ban.

Net ban advocates say the nets are wiping out Louisiana's fish. Commercial fishermen, who are opposing the law in court, say there is no scientific evidence that fish stocks are in danger.

Next year's regular legislative session must be devoted only to financial issues. But the governor can call a special session anytime — and with a new governor in office and a Medicaid crisis looming, a special session is likely early next year.

State Sen. Mike Foster, the front-runner for governor, voted for the gill net law. In the early days of his gubernatorial campaign, Foster, an avid sportsman, ran a newspaper ad supporting the gill net ban.

Neither Foster's campaign nor U.S. Rep. Cleo Fields' campaign could be reached Tuesday.

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

Joe L. Herring
Secretary



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10/27/95

NOVEMBER WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING SET

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will conduct its next regular meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, 1995, in the Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters, 2000 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda follows.

1. Roll call.
2. Approval of minutes of Oct. 12, 1995.
3. Presentation of signs by Citgo Pipeline for cooperative project on Sabine Wildlife Management Area.
4. Ratification of rule: 1996 turkey hunting regulations.
5. Ratification of rule: trail ride prohibition on wildlife management areas.
6. Announce the winner of the 1996-97 Duck Stamp competition.
7. Tunica Trace Scenic Area resolution.
8. Declaration of Emergency: adjust daily take limit for Calcasieu public oyster tonging reef.
9. Video on deployment of Army personnel carriers.
10. Enforcement report for October 1995.
11. Secretary's report to the Commission.
12. Set March 1996 meeting date.
13. Public comments.
14. Adjourn.

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October 25, 1995

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: 

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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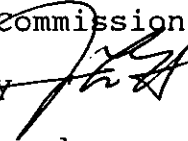
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Governor

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TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
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SUBJECT: November Board Meeting Agenda

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JOE HERRING

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FAX TRANSMITTAL

TO Perry Gisclair
Chairman

FAX# _____

FROM Susan Hawkins

RE November Commission Agenda

Please review the attached agenda and let me know
if any corrections need to be made

Thank you

DATE 10/23/95

TIME SENT _____

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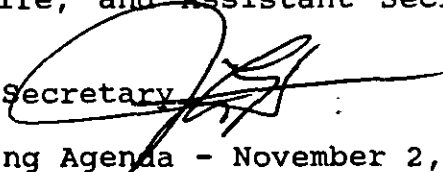
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October 4, 1995

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Office of Wildlife, and Assistant Secretary-Office of
Fisheries

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SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - November 2, 1995

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cc: Commissioners
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DEAR SUSAN:

I APOLOGIZE, I FORGOT TO GIVE THIS
INFORMATION TO KATHY ON TUESDAY. OUR
DIVISION HAS NO ITEM FOR THE AGENDA AT
THE NOVEMBER COMMISSION MEETING.


AUDRY CASHIO

10/19/95

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Ratification of Trail Ride Prohibition (Susan please check to see if it is this month)
Ratification of 1996 Turkey Hunting Regulation

Announce winners of 1996-97 Duck Stamp Competition

**JAMES J. COX**State Senator
District 27
Parish of Calcasieu**SENATE**
STATE OF LOUISIANA

October 18, 1995

723 Broad Street
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601
(318) 491-2313
or
P. O. Box 94183
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804
(504) 342-2040Mr. Joe Herring, Secretary
Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898Re: Increase of Bag Limit for Oyster
Fishing in Cameron Parish, Louisiana
and Eastern Calcasieu (Big Lake) in
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Herring:

Please consider this as my formal request as the State Senator from Calcasieu Parish and on behalf of many constituents who are commercial oyster fishermen in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, to have the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission increase the bag limit from 10 bags per day to 15 bags per day.

The reason for this request is the economic devastation that was suffered by our local oystering industry last year when the oyster season was reduced. Although we received some relief from the actions taken last year, these oystering families are still suffering economic deprivation and desperately need this increase in the bag limit for this year.

Please address this matter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


JIM COX

JJC/mwp

cc: Honorable Edwin Edwards
Mr. Jerome Ringo
Calcasieu Estuary Environmental Task Force



SENATE

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MEMORANDUM

OCTOBER 3, 1995

TO: Joe L. Herring, Secretary

FROM: Fred Dunham *FOD*

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION BY CITGO PIPELINE COMPANY OF A SIGN
INDICATING COOPERATION BETWEEN CITGO & LDWF DURING A
RECENT PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON A WMA

A formal presentation by CITGO Pipeline to the Department of the signs to be placed on their right-of-way on Sabine Island WMA is now planned for the November Commission meeting. Your letter of July 11, 1995 concerning this matter is attached.

CITGO Pipeline, as well as their consultants, contractors and subcontractors, worked with this agency during the planning, construction and post construction phases to insure a viable project with minimal impacts to fish and wildlife resources and to the WMA. I can easily say that the high level of coordination and cooperation experienced on this project is among the best that I have had in my twenty-five plus years career.

If possible, a short news item in our magazine about this would be a good public relations article for all parties.

c: Lee Cabbarreaux
Hugh Bateman
Tommy Prickett
John Robinette

cc to:
Susan Hankins
John

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Mr. W. B. Crawford
Environmental Manager
CITGO Pipeline Company
P.O. Box 1424
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70602

Dear Mr. Crawford:

I am pleased to hear of the coordination and cooperation that occurred between this agency, CITGO Pipeline Corporation, CITGO consultants and contractors in construction of a new pipeline across the Sabine Wildlife Management Area. This Department is committed to protecting fish and wildlife resources by jointly working with other entities in reducing impacts to these resources. We appreciate the high standards which CITGO used during the planning and construction of this pipeline.

We have no objection to the proposed sign but would like the word "houses" changed to "nesting boxes". Wood ducks use the boxes only for laying and hatching of eggs. The ducklings are raised entirely outside of the box.

If CITGO would like, I would be delighted to have a formal presentation of the sign by CITGO before one of our monthly commission meetings. Please advise me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe L. Herring".

Joe L. Herring
Secretary

JLH:fod

c Hugh Bateman
 John Robinette



CITGO Pipeline Company

P.O. Box 1424
2451 Clifton Ridge Rd
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70602
(318) 497-6121

June 5, 1995

John Robinette Jr.
Game Division Supervisor
District 5
Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
1213 N. Lakeshore Dr.
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Re: Turner Island Public Information Sign

Dear John:

CITGO Pipeline is submitting the attached design for the signs for the Turner Island area. It has been determined the use of decals would prove to be the best method for display of CITGO and Wildlife and Fisheries logo.

If this design is acceptable to the Department, please advise so that CITGO can proceed with construction of the signs. Should you have questions regarding this information, please advise me at the above address or by telephone at 214-380-3755.

Sincerely,

W. B. Crawford
W. B. Crawford
Environmental Manager

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Wes Hogan

Jim Sanders-5 OWP

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Edwin W. Edwards
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June 12, 1995

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Fred Dunham, Environmental Section

FROM: John Robinette, District V Wildlife Supervisor *gfr*

SUBJECT: CITGO Pipeline - Information Sign on
Sabine Island WMA

Enclosed please find correspondence from Westly with CITGO, about the proposed sign at CITGO's pipeline crossing on Sabine Island WMA.

I have no objections to the design of this sign. If you have no problems, let me know so CITGO can proceed with this little project.

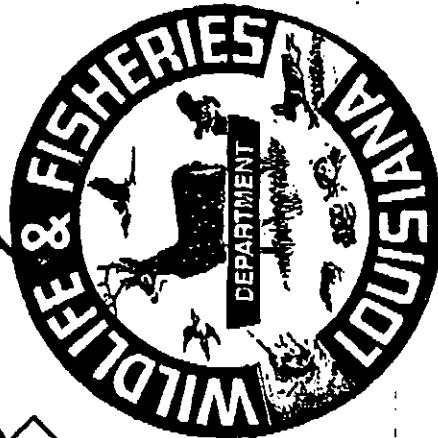
ROUGH CEDAR
OR REDWOOD FRAME

48"

36"



Wood Duck houses
in this area



are provided as mitigation efforts
in conjunction with a pipeline project.
This is an example of cooperative efforts
between industry and public trustees.

MEDIUM GREEN BACKGROUND

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MEMORANDUM

OCTOBER 3, 1995

TO: Joe L. Herring, Secretary

FROM: Fred Dunham *FoD*

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION BY CITGO PIPELINE COMPANY OF A SIGN
INDICATING COOPERATION BETWEEN CITGO & LDWF DURING A
RECENT PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON A WMA

A formal presentation by CITGO Pipeline to the Department of the signs to be placed on their right-of-way on Sabine Island WMA is now planned for the November Commission meeting. Your letter of July 11, 1995 concerning this matter is attached.

CITGO Pipeline, as well as their consultants, contractors and subcontractors, worked with this agency during the planning, construction and post construction phases to insure a viable project with minimal impacts to fish and wildlife resources and to the WMA. I can easily say that the high level of coordination and cooperation experienced on this project is among the best that I have had in my twenty-five plus years career.

If possible, a short news item in our magazine about this would be a good public relations article for all parties.

c: Lee Cabbarreaux
Hugh Bateman
Tommy Prickett
John Robinette

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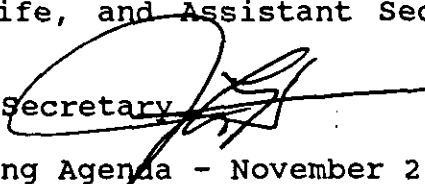
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Fisheries

FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary 

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - November 2, 1995

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JLH/sch

cc: Commissioners
Don Puckett
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Enforcement Report
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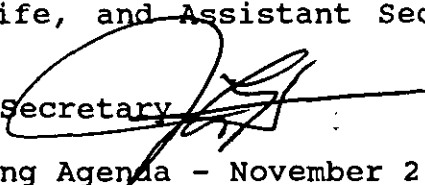
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W. Kees
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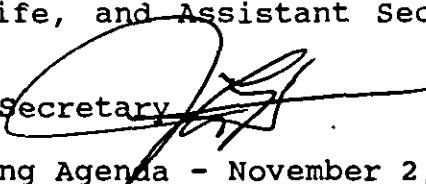
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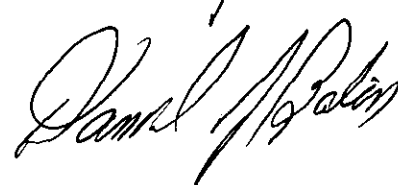
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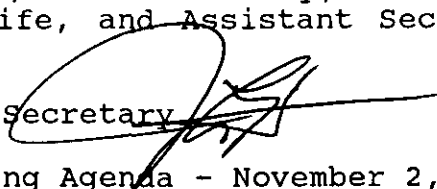
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December 4, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Roussel, Marine Fisheries Division

FROM: Don Puckett

SUBJECT: Act 1316, Department/Commission Studies

This is in response to your October 20, 1995 opinion request. The language you referenced in Act 1316 could be read in at least five ways or a combination thereof:

1. that both the Department and the Commission undertake two separate studies with two separate reports to the legislature;
2. that the study group consist of or include members from outside the Department staff;
3. that the Department on behalf of the Commission undertake studies independent from any other finfish studies currently being conducted and submit such studies to the Commission for review to form the basis of the report to the legislature;
4. that the impact on each species is to be studied independently in a scenario similar to 3 above; or
5. that all facets of strike net fishing impacts be studied, including, but not limited to, biological, social, economic, enforcement, etc.

Unfortunately, I have as little guidance as you do as to precisely what was intended by the referenced language. I submit that any one of the above or any combination thereof could be a reasonable interpretation of the Act's requirements, absent any other guidance in the Act as to the legislature's intent. Personally, I view the first alternative as the least desirable because it is unnecessarily duplicative and could be potentially

John Roussel
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costly, particularly if one or both study groups should be under private contract.

As you know, Chairman Gisclair has placed this item on the agenda for the December Commission Meeting, at which a full discussion of the above can take place.

DP:sch

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